

Columbia Borough

2015 FALL NEWSLETTER

SUMMER ROAD PROJECTS

Check out the roads
Columbia Borough's Highway Department
paved this Summer!!!!



200 Block Linden St—N. 2nd to N. 3rd

S. 4th Street—Ave. N to Mill Street

Manor Street—14th to 15th

900 Block of Chestnut Street—N. 9th to 10th St.

800 Block Houston Street—S. 8th to S. 9th

200 Block Avenue E—N. 2nd to N. 3rd

South 12th Street—Barber to Central Avenue

South 12th Street—Central to Manor Street

Autumn is Here!



Notify Me!
Email alert system.
[Sign Up Now!]

One of the best ways to keep informed about things like street closings, events, street sweeper status etc... is to sign up for the Borough's **Email Alert System**. Go to www.columbiapa.net and click on the "Notify me!" button to sign up.

INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR SEWER SYSTEM

IN CASE YOU DIDN'T KNOW...

On May 27, 2015, the Columbia Borough and Municipal Authority sold the sewer collection system in the Borough to Lancaster Area Sewer Authority (LASA). LASA is now responsible for operations and maintenance of the sewer collection system.

LASA is a regional sewer authority that provides sewer service to 33,000 customers in the townships of East Hempfield, West Hempfield, Lancaster, Manor, and Manheim and the boroughs of East Petersburg and Mountville. For more information about LASA, visit their website at www.lasa.org.

Sewer Problems or Emergencies

To report a problem or emergency with your sewer service, contact LASA at the following numbers:

Monday-Friday (8am-4:30pm) - 717-299-4843, Select option 3

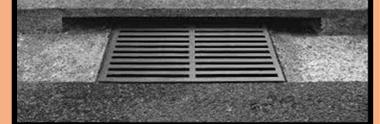
Evenings, Weekends, and Holidays— 717-396-9619 (24 hour call center)



Municipal Stormwater Sewer System (MS4)

Summer is slowly coming to an end, children are back to school, the days are cooler, and fall rain is on its way. We are very close to the Chesapeake Bay; and we must protect and preserve our Susquehanna River, that is the largest freshwater body feeding the Bay.

THE DRAIN IS JUST FOR RAIN



The Borough is diligently working to maintain its Municipal Stormwater Sewer System (MS4). In August, we had a PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) inspection, making sure the Borough was on target meeting its stormwater general permit requirements. The resulting inspection was positive; and PADEP looks forward to the Borough's continued progress meeting MS4 water quality goals. We are all partners in protecting the resources of Columbia Borough; and we will continue to inform residents of the Borough of our efforts to meet the aforementioned goals.



COLUMBIA BOROUGH RECYCLING

MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE ONE HOUSEHOLD AT A TIME

GLASS BOTTLES & JARS



Do: Place clear, brown and green glass bottles, food & beverage containers and jars without lids into recycle bin. Rinse them to remove any residue.

Don't: Place light bulbs, dishes, glass cups, mugs, ceramics, windows, mirrors, or automotive glass into recycle bin.

NEWSPAPER/MAGAZINES



Do: Place Newspapers, magazines, phone books, and other soft cover books in paper bags, directly into recycle bin.

Don't: Place your newspapers into a plastic bag or out for collection during inclement weather.

CANS, STEEL & ALUMINUM



Do: Rinse all food and residue from your cans and containers before placing them into your recycle bin. Include aluminum beverage cans, steel food and beverage cans and aerosol cans.

Don't: Place metal hangers, cooking pots/pans, foil or pie tins, or other scrap metal in your recycle bin.

PLASTICS



Do: Rinse your plastic containers before placing them into your recycle bin. Place caps in the trash. Only containers with numbers 1 through 7, and bottles with the neck smaller than the base, can be recycled.

Don't: Place plastic bags, toys, packaging, trays, plastic utensils, cups, tubs, hypodermic needles, butter or yogurt containers in your recycle bin.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE:

Numerous materials used in the home, garage and garden are considered household hazardous waste (HHW). They can cause serious safety and health problems in transportation and for disposal facilities.

Where can I take my HHW ?

Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority located at 1299 Harrisburg Pike in Lancaster accepts the following HHW materials:

- Adhesives
- Automotive fluids
- Batteries
- Automotive Batteries
- Chemistry sets
- Cooking and frying oils
- Fire extinguishers
- Floor and Furniture polish
- Household cleaners
- Fuel, including kerosene, gasoline and propane
- Lawn treatments including herbicides and pesticides
- Mercury containing items including ballasts, fluorescent bulbs, thermostats and thermometers
- Paint, rust inhibitors, stains, turpentine and thinners
- Photographic and pool chemicals



E-WASTE



The following items are E-Waste and can also be delivered to the Lancaster County Solid Waste Authority:

- Desktop computers -Laptops -Monitors -Televisions -PDA's
- Computer peripherals, including a keyboard, mouse, printer and speakers
- E-readers that browse the internet
- Cell phones and smart phones -Cameras: photo and video
- Cell phone peripherals: chargers, batteries, Bluetooth earpieces, air cards, clips, cases
- DVD and VCR players -MP3 players and iPods Portable electronic game players and video game consoles
- Stereos and peripherals: CD players, turntables, amplifiers, speakers (No wooden material)

LCSWMA reserves the right to inspect, delay or deny deliveries of covered devices and e-waste materials for any reason, at the discretion of their staff.



LET'S WORK HARD TO KEEP OUR WATER SUPPLY CLEAN FOR OURSELVES AND FOR OUR WILDLIFE

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP ????

- Dispose of hazardous substances such as oil, cleaning supplies and paint correctly.
- Dispose of trash in the proper receptacles.
- Use pesticides, fertilizers and herbicides properly and efficiently to prevent excess runoff.
- Pick up after pets and dispose of their waste properly.
- Look for signs of soil and other pollutants, such as debris and chemicals, leaving construction sites that could impact storm water runoff to your community.
- Store materials that could pollute storm water indoors and use containers for outdoor storage that do not rust or leak to eliminate exposure of materials to storm water.
- Install innovative storm water practices on residential property, such as rain barrels or rain gardens that capture storm water and keep it on site instead of letting it drain away into the storm sewer system

Borough Farm

The Borough Farm is located on Blue Lane (off River Road just past Plane Street) and is open for drop off of yard waste year round on the second Saturday of each month from 8am-Noon.

Address: 254 Blue Lane, Columbia, PA

Biodegradable Bags & Recycle Bins

Biodegradable Bags are available for purchase at the Borough Office which is located at 308 Locust Street for \$.75 each or 3 for \$2.00. Recycle bins are also available for \$10 and \$11.35 depending on size.

PHONE NUMBERS TO REMEMBER

Emergency

911

Columbia Borough

717-684-2467

Columbia Borough Police

717-684-7735

Comcast Cable

1-800-266-2278

Columbia Public Library

717-684-2255

Columbia QRS

717-449-5027

District Magistrate

717-684-2761

Susquehanna Valley EMS

717-684-2400

Susq. Valley Chamber of Commerce 717-684-5249



Dates to Remember

Bridge Bust

10/3/15

8am-4pm

Fourth Friday

10/23/15

5-9pm

Yard Waste

Curbside Pick-up

Ends 10/12/15

Trick-or-treat

October 30, 2015

6-8pm

Leaf Pickup Begins

10/19/15

(follows street sweeper)

MAG Fall Flash 5K

11/7/15

7-10:30am

Halloween Parade

10/22/15

7pm

Fourth Friday

11/27/15

7-10pm

POLICE NOTICES:

****Confidential Drug Tips****

Any resident wishing to provide the Columbia Borough Police Department information on drug dealing or drug use can do so confidentially at 684-7735 or electronically at

columbiaboroughpolice@yahoo.com

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Back to School

SCHOOL STUDENT DROP OFF

Parents are reminded to refrain from double parking when dropping off their children at Park and Taylor Schools. In addition, children must be dropped off curbside and not expected to cross opposing traffic. High School Parents are reminded to drop off students at the designated "drop-off" point in the area of the cafeteria. No student shall be dropped off in front of the school or on any of the hills.

NOTICE REGARDING SNOW REMOVAL:

The Borough is now using "Quick Tickets" for snow removal offenses. Tenants, owners or persons in charge of any property fronting on or adjoining any street in the Borough of Columbia are required to clear a pathway of at least three feet in width on the sidewalk in front of or adjoining property within eight hours after the snow has ceased to fall. If the snow has ceased to fall between dusk and dawn, the pathway shall be cleared before 10:00 a.m. the following day. Snow cleaned from the pathway shall not be deposited in the street. The penalty for non-compliance could result in a fine of not more than \$600, plus costs of prosecution.

RENTAL PROPERTY INFORMATION

**FOR
RENT**

- Properties purchased throughout the year with the intent to rent, must immediately be registered and inspected by a third party prior to occupancy.
- Vacated rental dwelling units, common areas, and basements must be inspected by the Borough following each vacated dwelling unit prior to re-occupation.
- Rental packets are mailed in June of each year. It is the responsibility of the property owner to make sure they complete and submit a rental packet each year. If for some reason you do not receive a packet by July it is your responsibility to contact the Borough. There is a significant monetary penalty for late submissions.